

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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July 18, 2019

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Liebold, Barbour, Smith, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, and Sleek. The minutes from June 20th were approved. .

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the encroachment into the right-of-way situated on the Northwest side of the property located at 1109 Hickory Street in the City of Fremont by approximately 7.25' and declaring an emergency. Mr. Melle stated this was only to allow the owners to sale. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Otte motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Barbour, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3966

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1709 Administration and Enforcement Code Section 1709.042 Charges made a lien for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Melle and Mr. Wood explained that they would like to attach a Mechanic Lien as an option to properties. Mr. Grover explained what a Land Bank is.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with 7I Construction, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$157,775.00 for the 2019 roadway resurfacing projects for Taft Avenue from McKinley Parkway to Hayes and from Birchard to Napoleon in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez explained that \$100,000.00 would be coming from the Motor Vehicle Fund. He explained that the Taft Ave. repair would be beneficial to ProMedica and the best interest for the city. He asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Zilch, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3967

First reading of an ordinance authorizing pay increases and modifications to the fringe benefits of elected city officials for future terms beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing for 2021, 2022, and 2023. This ordinance included the Mayor, Law Director, Auditor, and Treasurer pay increases of 2% each year.

First reading an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, Motor Vehicle License Fund 223, Capital Improvement Fund 410, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and Unclaimed Monies Fund 714 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained each funds suggested adjustment amendments. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Otte motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2019-3968

First reading a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$6,750.00 to Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Smith motion carried 7 yea votes. Mr. Grahl explained that this resolution and the next are related to the Garrison Street Project and the reasoning why they were needed. He asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2080

First reading a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$4,500.00 to Sudsina & Associates, LLC and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Smith and seconded by Otte motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Zilch and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2019-2081

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee – Chairman Barbour stated that sometime in August he will have someone in to speak about a potential community partnership project with Joe Albrechta.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Otte stated he is on the Traffic Safety Committee and recently looked at intersection that people complained about. He also stated that Birchard Ave. will soon become two way street and will become permanent.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek asked if there would be a gas station at the new Kroger. Mr. Gross said that the plans include a gas station. He also asked about the storage units at the old K-Mart. Mr. Gross explained that there will be no outside storage and plans include drive in storage. Mr. Sleek suggest that people can google Storage Units of America to get an idea of the layout.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch reported there was a committee meeting pertaining to UTV's being allowed in the city and added to the Golf Cart Ordinance and presented to council soon.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith invited everyone to use the pool facilities at the Rec. Department with the predicted 101degrees for tomorrow.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold spoke about the Health Levy article in the News Messenger. He stated if the Health Levy was to fail, the Health Board has the authority to direct excess every government in the county. Currently the city gives the Health Department approximately \$9,000, that amount could increase to \$100,000 a year if the levy renewal fails.

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Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – She stated that the July 4th celebration in Fremont were phenomenal. She thanked everyone for being very patient in all the road work going on downtown. There is available parking with the city parking lot. She mentioned that there is a new restaurant Local Deli and Arts located on S. Front St. She ended with the reminder of the Go Green Farmers Market this weekend and the All Together event on August 3rd.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Chief Bliss mentioned he participated in the Beat the Heat event that brought awareness to people about leaving animals and children in the car with the temperature.

Chief Foos asked that people be careful in the expected heat this weekend and utilize the cooling stations located in the city.

Mayor Sanchez stated that the reservoir has been paved. There is public transportation available now through. Mayor Sanchez stated that he is not sure if some of the projects they planned on getting done this year may not get finished due to any bids received. The projects are grant funded and he would like to discuss with Mr. Melle what can be done. Mrs. Ruiz asked about the garbage contract and complaints that have come up from citizens. Mayor Sanchez stated that we only received 1 bid from Republic Services. A discussion was held on the situation and it there is still two years on the contract.

Mr. Melle stated he was excited about the reservoir being paved.

Mr. Grahl echoed the sentiment of many concerning the 4th of July activities. He also mentioned that the Toledo Symphony at the Hayes Presidential Center and Mr. Gilmore and his crew with the cannons was absolutely fabulous. He thanked Hal and Diane Hawk for their contribution to this event. Mr. Grahl mentioned the Sacred Heart 50th Festival and encourages everyone to attend.

Council Comments

Mr. Barbour echoed Mr. Grahl comments about the Sacred Heart Festival and the Toledo Symphony. The weather supposedly coming with high temperatures he encourages everyone to please be safe and stay hydrated.

Mr. Sleek also encouraged everyone to be safe this weekend with the heat and weather.

Mr. Liebold mentioned that Aldi's had its grand opening with was a success. He also attended the Opportunity Zone that the Mayor and Mr. Gross attended concerning Capital Gain.

Mr. Zilch stated that the Pontifex is in need of food donations.

Mrs. Ruiz attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Aldi's with councilmen Sleek and Smith. She mentioned that the facilities are very nice. She thanked the city for installing the street sign at the corner of Pine.

Mr. Otte mentioned the August 3rd Music Festival. He also complimented the City of the July 4th events and thanked Mr. Dumminger for all the work he did on the fireworks. He complimented Brian Woods on doing a fantastic job. He mentioned that the Liberty Center needs water and that the Mayors concert will be featuring a German music band.

Mr. Smith echoed Mr. Otte sentiments concerning the July 4th celebration and also thanks Mr. Dumminger for his participation in the fireworks. He stated that Mayor Sanchez and he attend the 175th anniversary of the court house being built. He encouraged everyone to look out for their neighbors, especially the elderly, in the record heat that is coming.

Mrs. Hafford mentioned that her friend, Jacci Young, had established a cooling center in her business for the workers who are working on Garrison Street. She also thanked Mr. Dumminger for the phenomenal job with the fireworks.

Public Comments

John Elder as about the flyer he received in his water bill and who decided if an amphitheater can be placed at Walsh Park. Mayor Sanchez that conversation is being held now concerning the location of the amphitheater. Mr. Elder asked about private entities putting flyers in the water bills.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebold, seconded by Mr. Barbour seconded, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President